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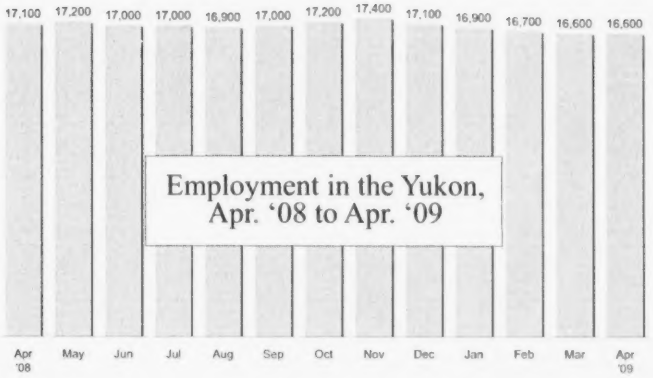
YUKON EMPLOYMENT

April 2009



Yukon's labour force increased in April '09 (18,000) compared to April '08. Of the April 2009 labour force figure, 16,600 were employed and 1,400, or 7.8%, were unemployed. One year ago, in April 2008, there were 17,900 individuals in the labour force of whom 17,100 were employed and 700, or 3.9%, were unemployed.

April 2009 Employment at a glance:

- Labour force: 18,000
- Employed: 16,600
- Unemployment rate: 7.8%
  - *-Last month* *6.7%*
  - *-One year ago* *3.9%*

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As of this April 2009 release, there were minor revisions for some seasonally adjusted labour force characteristics in January and March 2009.

Figures From Across Canada—April 2009

	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Yukon	**16,600**	**1,400**	**7.8%**
Canada	16,874,000	1,464,600	8.0%
Newfoundland & Labrador	214,200	36,800	14.7%
P.E.I.	68,600	9,700	12.4%
Nova Scotia	449,300	45,700	9.2%
New Brunswick	364,300	35,600	8.9%
Quebec	3,857,900	352,900	8.4%
Ontario	6,545,100	621,200	8.7%
Manitoba	604,200	29,100	4.6%
Saskatchewan	520,100	27,300	5.0%
Alberta	1,992,900	126,600	6.0%
B.C.	2,257,400	179,800	7.4%
N.W.T.	21,300	1,100	4.9%

This table shows that Yukon is sixth lowest in the country in terms of the unemployment rate (7.8%). Manitoba's unemployment rate (4.6%) was lowest, while Newfoundland's rate (14.7%) was highest.

Note: Nunavut's (10 largest communities) unemployment rate of 12.4% is available only as "unadjusted" estimates and are therefore not included in this table of seasonally adjusted data. Like the Yukon and NWT figures, they are also three-month moving averages and are therefore not included in the overall figure for Canada.

Yukon's Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate remained relatively low through the end of 2008 and has increased through the first part of 2009. The following changes have occurred on a month-to-month basis:

		Percentage points*
2009	• March to April	1.1
	• February to March	0.0
	• January to February	0.0
2008	• Dec. '08 to Jan. '09	1.2
	• November to December	0.6
	• October to November	-0.1
	• September to October	0.0
	• August to September	-0.6
	• July to August	0.6
	• June to July	-0.1
	• May to June	1.2
	• April to May	0.0
	• March to April	-0.6

** percentage point is the actual numerical difference between two percentages, such as: 10% - 8% = 2 percentage points.*

What is the unemployment rate, and how is it calculated?

The unemployment rate shows the relationship between the number of unemployed and the labour force. The labour force includes those individuals 15 years of age and older who are either employed or unemployed but looking for work. The higher the value of the unemployment rate, the greater the number of individuals unemployed as compared to the labour force.

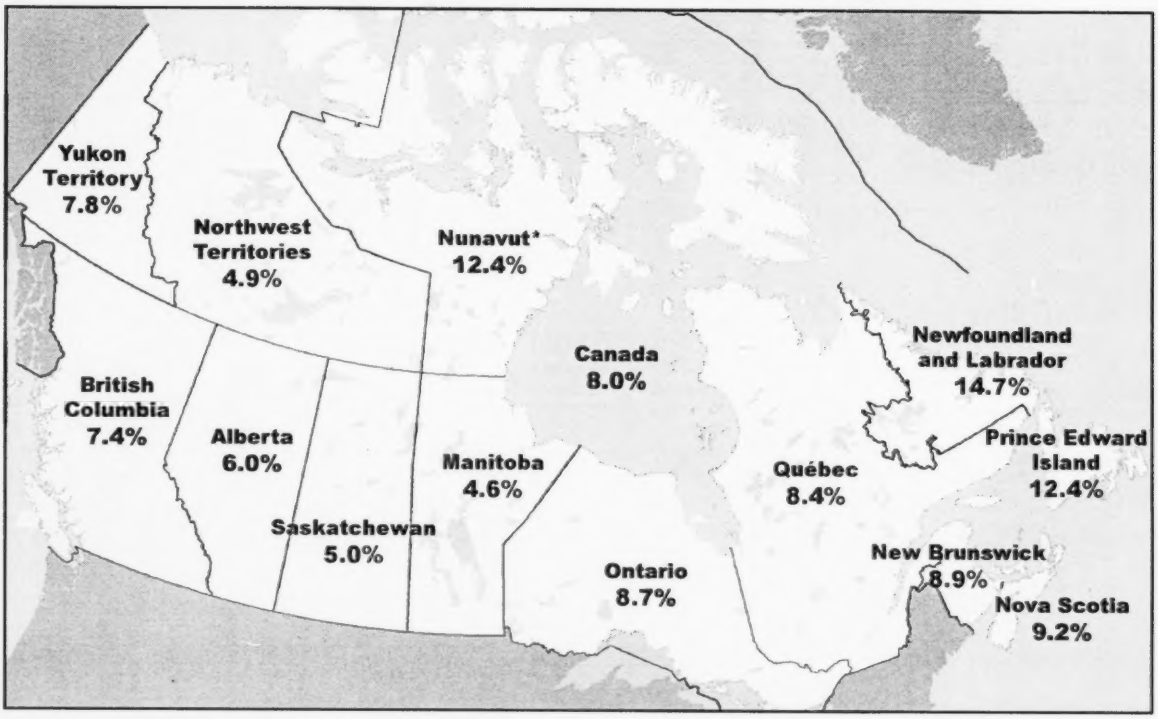
The survey that estimates the Yukon's unemployment rate, the Labour Force Survey (LFS), has undergone survey redesign so comparable data is only available back to 1995.

Over the last 15 years the average unemployment rate for April has been 8.8%.

Looking at the change in the unemployment rate between March and April in previous years, the rate has risen 7 times, fallen 7 times and stayed the same once since 1995.

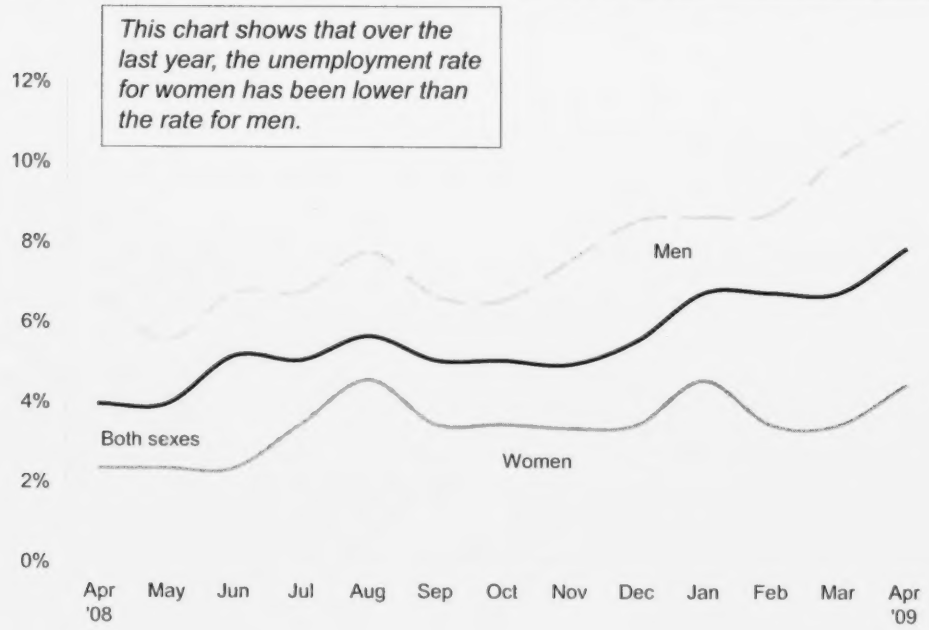
	March	April	Change
2009	6.7%	7.8%	1.1%
2008	4.5%	3.9%	-0.6%
2007	4.2%	4.7%	0.5%
2006	5.1%	5.0%	-0.1%
2005	4.4%	5.0%	0.6%
2004	6.4%	6.3%	-0.1%
2003	9.8%	9.6%	-0.2%
2002	9.7%	9.0%	-0.7%
2001	10.9%	11.7%	0.8%
2000	10.5%	9.3%	-1.2%
1999	14.0%	14.0%	0.0%
1998	13.5%	15.1%	1.6%
1997	13.5%	13.6%	0.1%
1996	9.0%	9.9%	0.9%
1995	7.7%	7.6%	-0.1%
Average 1995 to 2009	**8.7%**	**8.8%**	**0.1%**

Unemployment rates: Canada, Provinces and Territories — April 2009



*The unemployment rates for Nunavut are NOT seasonally adjusted.

Monthly Unemployment Rates for the Yukon Labour Force Aged 15 and Over



Yukon's Labour Force Aged 15 and Over Continued. . .

		Labour Force			Employed			Unemployed		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2009	Apr	18,000	9,000	9,000	16,600	8,000	8,700	1,400	1,000	400
	Mar (r)	17,900	9,000	8,900	16,600	8,100	8,500	1,200	900	300
	Feb	17,900	9,200	8,700	16,700	8,300	8,400	1,200	800	300
	Jan (r)	18,000	9,300	8,800	16,900	8,500	8,400	1,200	800	400
2008	Dec	18,200	9,400	8,800	17,100	8,600	8,600	1,000	800	300
	Nov	18,300	9,300	9,000	17,400	8,600	8,800	900	700	300
	Oct	18,100	9,200	8,900	17,200	8,600	8,600	900	600	300
	Sep	17,900	9,100	8,800	17,000	8,500	8,500	900	600	300
	Aug	17,900	9,100	8,900	16,900	8,400	8,500	1,000	700	400
	Jul	17,900	9,000	8,800	17,000	8,400	8,600	900	600	300
	Jun	17,800	9,000	8,800	17,000	8,400	8,600	900	600	200
	May	17,800	9,100	8,800	17,200	8,500	8,600	700	500	200
	Apr	17,900	9,100	8,800	17,100	8,500	8,600	700	600	200
2007	Apr	16,900	8,700	8,200	16,100	8,100	8,000	800	600	*
2006	Apr	17,900	9,300	8,600	17,100	8,700	8,300	900	600	300
2005	Apr	18,100	9,200	9,000	17,200	8,500	8,800	900	700	200
2004	Apr	17,500	8,800	8,700	16,500	8,000	8,500	1,100	800	300
2003	Apr	16,600	8,200	8,400	14,900	7,200	7,700	1,600	1,000	700
2002	Apr	16,600	8,300	8,300	15,100	7,300	7,800	1,500	1,100	400
2001	Apr	16,200	8,300	8,000	14,300	7,100	7,300	1,900	1,200	700
2000	Apr	17,200	8,900	8,300	15,500	7,800	7,800	1,600	1,100	600
1999	Apr	17,200	9,000	8,200	14,900	7,400	7,500	2,400	1,600	800
1998	Apr	17,200	9,000	8,200	14,600	7,200	7,300	2,600	1,800	800
1997	Apr	17,600	9,400	8,200	15,200	7,800	7,400	2,400	1,600	800
1996	Apr	17,100	9,100	7,900	15,400	8,200	7,200	1,700	900	700
1995	Apr	15,700	8,300	7,400	14,500	7,500	7,000	1,200	700	400
Average Apr 1995 to 2009		**17,200**	**8,800**	**8,300**	**15,700**	**7,800**	**7,900**	**1,500**	**1,000**	**500**

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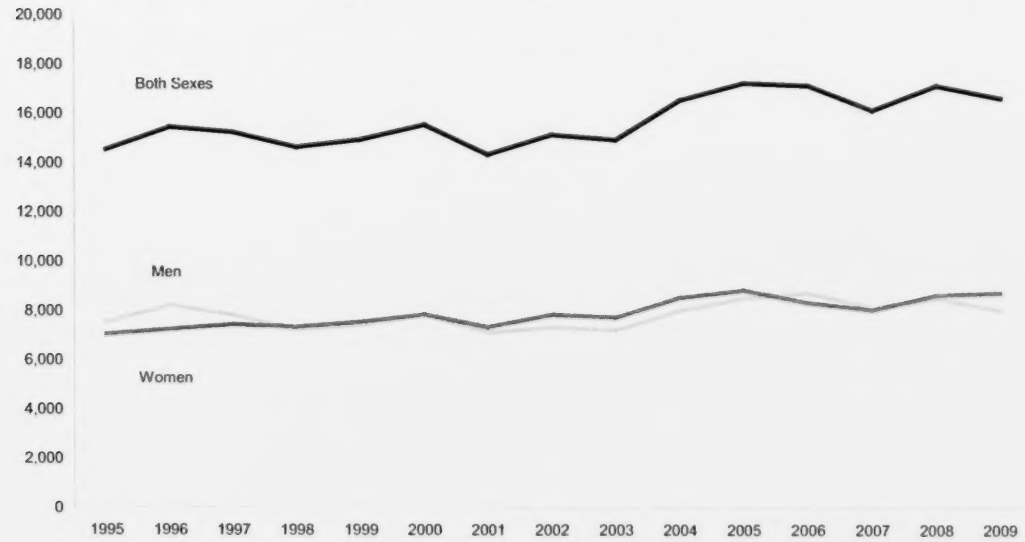

Yukon's Labour Force, Aged 25 and Over

			Labour Force			Employed			Unemployed		
			Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2009	Apr		15,500	7,700	7,800	14,500	6,900	7,500	1,000	700	300
	Mar	(r)	15,300	7,600	7,700	14,400	7,000	7,400	800	600	200
	Feb		15,200	7,600	7,600	14,300	7,000	7,300	800	600	200
	Jan	(r)	15,200	7,600	7,600	14,300	7,000	7,300	900	600	300
2008	Dec		15,300	7,700	7,600	14,500	7,100	7,400	900	600	200
	Nov		15,400	7,700	7,700	14,700	7,200	7,500	700	500	200
	Oct		15,200	7,600	7,600	14,600	7,200	7,400	600	400	200
	Sep		15,000	7,500	7,500	14,500	7,200	7,300	600	300	200
	Aug		15,100	7,500	7,700	14,500	7,100	7,400	600	400	200
	Jul		15,100	7,500	7,700	14,600	7,100	7,600	500	400	*
	Jun		15,000	7,400	7,600	14,600	7,100	7,500	500	400	*
	May		15,000	7,400	7,600	14,600	7,100	7,500	400	300	*
	Apr		14,900	7,400	7,500	14,600	7,100	7,400	400	300	*
2007	Apr		14,300	7,200	7,100	13,700	6,800	7,000	600	400	*
2006	Apr		15,100	7,600	7,500	14,600	7,300	7,200	500	300	300
2005	Apr		14,900	7,500	7,400	14,200	7,000	7,200	700	500	200
2004	Apr		14,600	7,300	7,300	13,800	6,700	7,000	800	500	300
2003	Apr		14,300	7,100	7,100	13,100	6,400	6,700	1,200	700	500
2002	Apr		14,000	7,100	6,900	12,800	6,200	6,600	1,200	900	300
2001	Apr		14,000	7,100	6,900	12,600	6,200	6,300	1,500	900	600
2000	Apr		14,800	7,600	7,200	13,600	6,800	6,800	1,200	800	300
1999	Apr		14,700	7,700	7,100	13,000	6,500	6,500	1,700	1,200	500
1998	Apr		14,700	7,800	6,900	12,700	6,500	6,300	1,900	1,300	600
1997	Apr		14,800	7,900	6,800	13,200	6,800	6,300	1,600	1,100	500
1996	Apr		14,400	7,800	6,700	13,300	7,200	6,100	1,100	600	500
1995	Apr		13,700	7,300	6,400	12,900	6,800	6,100	800	500	400
Average Apr 1995 to 2009			**14,600**	**7,500**	**7,100**	**13,500**	**6,700**	**6,700**	**1,100**	**700**	**400**

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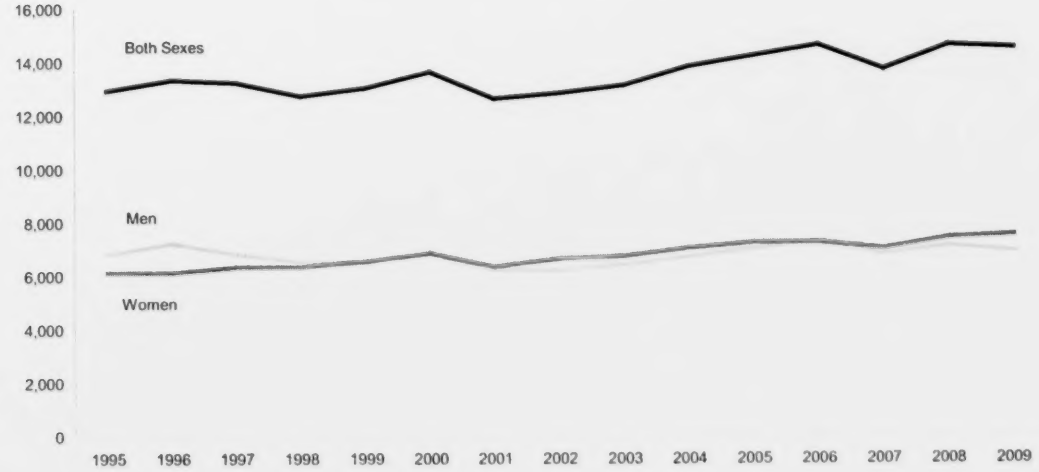

Yukon's Unemployment Rate

		15 years and older Unemployment Rate (%)			25 years and older Unemployment Rate (%)		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2009	Apr	7.8	11.1	4.4	6.5	9.1	3.8
	Mar (r)	6.7	10.0	3.4	5.2	7.9	2.6
	Feb	6.7	8.7	3.4	5.3	7.9	2.6
	Jan (r)	6.7	8.6	4.5	5.9	7.9	3.9
2008	Dec	5.5	8.5	3.4	5.9	7.8	2.6
	Nov	4.9	7.5	3.3	4.5	6.5	2.6
	Oct	5.0	6.5	3.4	3.9	5.3	2.6
	Sep	5.0	6.6	3.4	4.0	4.0	2.7
	Aug	5.6	7.7	4.5	4.0	5.3	2.6
	Jul	5.0	6.7	3.4	3.3	5.3	*
	Jun	5.1	6.7	2.3	3.3	5.4	*
	May	3.9	5.5	2.3	2.7	4.1	*
	Apr	3.9	6.6	2.3	2.7	4.1	*
2007	Apr	4.7	6.9	*	4.2	5.6	*
2006	Apr	5.0	6.5	3.5	3.3	3.9	4.0
2005	Apr	5.0	7.6	2.2	4.7	6.7	2.7
2004	Apr	6.3	9.1	3.4	5.5	6.8	4.1
2003	Apr	9.6	12.2	8.3	8.4	9.9	7.0
2002	Apr	9.0	13.3	4.8	8.6	12.7	4.3
2001	Apr	11.7	14.5	8.8	10.7	12.7	8.7
2000	Apr	9.3	12.4	7.2	8.1	10.5	4.2
1999	Apr	14.0	17.8	9.8	11.6	15.6	7.0
1998	Apr	15.1	20.0	9.8	12.9	16.7	8.7
1997	Apr	13.6	17.0	9.8	10.8	13.9	7.4
1996	Apr	9.9	9.9	8.9	7.6	7.7	7.5
1995	Apr	7.6	8.4	5.4	5.8	6.8	6.3
Average Apr 1995 to 2009		**8.8**	**11.6**	**6.3**	**7.4**	**9.5**	**5.8**

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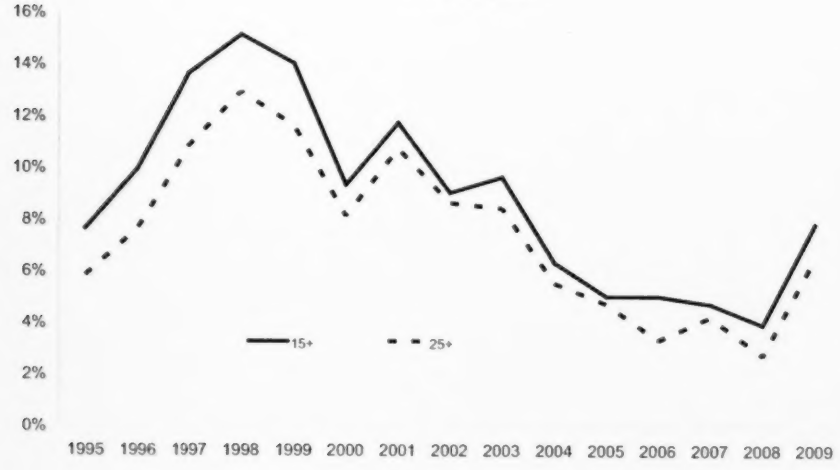
1995 to 2009



Yukon's Employment - seasonally unadjusted figures

A word about "adjusted" vs. "unadjusted"
The statistics on the next 5 pages are "seasonally unadjusted," as opposed to the figures on pages 1 through 6, which are "seasonally adjusted."

"Seasonally adjusted" refers to the technique of adjusting the "raw" figures to remove seasonal movements (*see page 12 for further explanation*). As such, "seasonally adjusted" employment figures are widely used and quoted, as they are considered to be a more accurate picture of the current employment situation than the "raw" or "unadjusted" figures.

Some of the variables mentioned in the next 5 pages are available only in the "unadjusted" format, while others are available both as "adjusted" and "unadjusted." Comparisons between the "adjusted" and "unadjusted" series should not be made.

Yukon's Labour Force Characteristics (unadjusted)

		Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in Labour Force	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Employment Rate
						%		
2009	Apr	17,700	16,300	1,400	6,400	7.9	73.4	67.6
	Mar	17,500	16,300	1,200	6,600	6.9	72.6	67.6
	Feb	17,400	16,200	1,200	6,600	6.9	72.2	67.2
	Jan	17,500	16,300	1,200	6,500	6.9	72.9	67.9
2008	Dec	18,000	16,900	1,100	5,900	6.1	75.3	70.7
	Nov	18,300	17,400	900	5,600	4.9	76.6	72.8
	Oct	18,400	17,500	800	5,500	4.3	77.3	73.5
	Sep	18,300	17,500	800	5,500	4.4	76.9	73.5
	Aug	18,600	17,700	900	5,200	4.8	78.2	74.4
	Jul	18,400	17,500	800	5,400	4.3	77.6	73.8
	Jun	17,900	17,100	900	5,700	5.0	75.5	72.2
	May	17,600	16,900	700	6,000	4.0	74.6	71.6
	Apr	17,500	16,700	800	6,100	4.6	74.2	70.8
2007	Apr	16,600	15,800	800	6,800	4.8	70.9	67.5
2006	Apr	17,600	16,700	900	6,000	5.1	74.6	70.8
2005	Apr	17,700	16,700	1,000	5,900	5.6	75.0	70.8
2004	Apr	17,100	16,000	1,100	6,100	6.4	73.7	69.0
2003	Apr	16,200	14,500	1,700	6,200	10.5	72.0	64.4
2002	Apr	16,200	14,600	1,700	5,600	10.5	74.3	67.0
2001	Apr	15,900	13,800	2,100	5,800	13.2	73.3	63.6
2000	Apr	16,800	14,900	1,900	5,000	11.3	77.1	68.3
1999	Apr	16,800	14,200	2,700	4,900	16.1	77.4	65.4
1998	Apr	16,800	13,900	2,900	5,100	17.3	76.7	63.5
1997	Apr	17,100	14,500	2,700	4,900	15.8	77.4	65.6
1996	Apr	16,500	14,600	1,900	4,800	11.5	77.5	68.5
1995	Apr	15,300	13,900	1,400	5,100	9.2	75.0	68.1
Average Apr 1995 to 2009		**16,800**	**15,100**	**1,700**	**5,600**	**10.0**	**74.8**	**67.4**

Note: *Due to rounding, the sum of individual LFS characteristics at times does not equal the labour force and/or total employment figures. Percentages have been adjusted on the basis of the reported unemployment rate. All figures quoted for the Yukon are three-month moving averages. For a definition of three-month moving average, please go to the list of definitions on page 12.*

Full-time and Part-time Employment

		Total Employed	Full-time	% of all employed	Part-time	% of all employed
2009	Apr	16,300	13,900	85.3%	2,400	14.7%
	Mar	16,300	13,900	85.3%	2,400	14.7%
	Feb	16,200	13,700	84.6%	2,500	15.4%
	Jan	16,300	13,900	85.3%	2,400	14.7%
2008	Dec	16,900	14,600	86.4%	2,400	14.2%
	Nov	17,400	15,100	86.8%	2,300	13.2%
	Oct	17,500	15,300	87.4%	2,200	12.6%
	Sep	17,500	15,400	88.0%	2,200	12.6%
	Aug	17,700	15,400	87.0%	2,300	13.0%
	Jul	17,500	15,100	86.3%	2,400	13.7%
	Jun	17,100	14,300	83.6%	2,800	16.4%
	May	16,900	14,000	82.8%	2,900	17.2%
	Apr	16,700	13,800	82.6%	2,900	17.4%
2007	Apr	15,800	13,200	83.5%	2,600	16.5%
2006	Apr	16,700	13,800	82.6%	2,800	16.8%
2005	Apr	16,700	14,300	85.6%	2,500	15.0%
2004	Apr	16,000	13,200	82.5%	2,800	17.5%
2003	Apr	14,500	12,200	84.1%	2,200	15.2%
2002	Apr	14,600	11,500	78.8%	3,100	21.2%
2001	Apr	13,800	11,100	80.4%	2,700	19.6%
2000	Apr	14,900	11,500	77.2%	3,400	22.8%
1999	Apr	14,200	11,300	79.6%	2,900	20.4%
1998	Apr	13,900	11,200	80.6%	2,700	19.4%
1997	Apr	14,500	11,600	80.0%	2,800	19.3%
1996	Apr	14,600	12,200	83.6%	2,400	16.4%
1995	Apr	13,900	11,600	83.5%	2,300	16.5%
Average Apr 1995 to 2009		**15,100**	**12,400**	**82.1%**	**2,700**	**17.9%**

Employment in Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Employed	Goods-Producing Industries	Service-Producing Industries
2009	Apr	16,300	2,300	14,000
	Mar	16,300	2,400	13,800
	Feb	16,200	2,400	13,800
	Jan	16,300	2,400	13,900
2008				
	Dec	16,900	2,600	14,400
	Nov	17,400	2,800	14,600
	Oct	17,500	3,200	14,400
	Sep	17,500	3,000	14,500
	Aug	17,700	3,200	14,500
	Jul	17,500	3,100	14,500
	Jun	17,100	3,000	14,000
	May	16,900	2,900	14,000
	Apr	16,700	3,000	13,700

		Total Employed	Goods-Producing Industries	Service-Producing Industries
2007	Apr	15,800	2,000	13,700
2006	Apr	16,700	2,200	14,400
2005	Apr	16,700	1,700	15,000
2004	Apr	16,000	1,300	14,600
2003	Apr	14,500	1,400	13,100
2002	Apr	14,600	1,700	12,900
2001	Apr	13,800	1,400	12,400
2000	Apr	14,900	1,700	13,200
1999	Apr	14,200	1,400	12,800
1998	Apr	13,900	1,600	12,200
1997	Apr	14,500	1,900	12,600
1996	Apr	14,600	2,100	12,500
1995	Apr	13,900	1,700	12,200
Average Apr 1995 to 2009		**15,100**	**1,800**	**13,300**

Public and Private Sector Employment

		Total Employed	Public Sector*	Private Sector		
			Employees	Employees	Self-Employed	Total Private Sector
2009	Apr	16,300	7,000	7,100	2,200	9,300
	Mar	16,300	7,100	7,200	2,000	9,200
	Feb	16,200	7,000	7,200	2,000	9,200
	Jan	16,300	6,900	7,400	2,100	9,500
2008	Dec	16,900	6,900	7,900	2,200	10,100
	Nov	17,400	6,900	8,200	2,300	10,500
	Oct	17,500	6,900	8,300	2,400	10,700
	Sep	17,500	6,700	8,400	2,400	10,800
	Aug	17,700	6,700	8,600	2,300	10,900
	Jul	17,500	6,800	8,400	2,400	10,800
	Jun	17,100	6,800	7,900	2,400	10,300
	May	16,900	6,500	7,800	2,700	10,500
	Apr	16,700	6,300	7,800	2,600	10,400
2007	Apr	15,800	6,000	7,100	2,700	9,800
2006	Apr	16,700	5,800	8,100	2,800	10,900
2005	Apr	16,700	6,500	7,300	2,900	10,200
2004	Apr	16,000	6,200	7,300	2,500	9,800
2003	Apr	14,500	5,600	6,500	2,300	8,800
2002	Apr	14,600	5,800	6,200	2,600	8,800
2001	Apr	13,800	6,100	4,900	2,800	7,700
2000	Apr	14,900	6,100	5,600	3,100	8,700
1999	Apr	14,200	6,100	5,400	2,800	8,200
1998	Apr	13,900	5,600	5,900	2,300	8,200
1997	Apr	14,500	5,100	6,600	2,700	9,300
1996	Apr	14,600	5,200	7,100	2,400	9,500
1995	Apr	13,900	5,100	6,500	2,300	8,800
Average Apr 1995 to 2009		**15,100**	**5,900**	**6,600**	**2,600**	**9,200**

** Includes Federal, Territorial, Municipal, and First Nation Band Office employment.*

Labour Force

		By age			By sex & age				% Change Apr. 2008 to Apr. 2009
					Men		Women		
		15+	15–24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+	
2009	Apr	17,700	2,300	15,400	8,700	7,600	9,000	7,800	Both
	Mar	17,500	2,400	15,100	8,700	7,400	8,800	7,700	15+ 1.1%
	Feb	17,400	2,500	14,900	8,800	7,400	8,600	7,500	15-24 -17.9%
	Jan	17,500	2,500	15,000	8,900	7,400	8,600	7,500	25+ 4.8%
2008	Dec	18,000	2,700	15,300	9,200	7,700	8,800	7,700	
	Nov	18,300	2,700	15,600	9,300	7,700	9,000	7,800	Men
	Oct	18,400	3,000	15,400	9,400	7,700	9,000	7,700	15+ -1.1%
	Sep	18,300	3,100	15,200	9,400	7,600	8,900	7,600	25+ 4.1%
	Aug	18,600	3,300	15,300	9,500	7,600	9,100	7,700	
	Jul	18,400	3,100	15,200	9,400	7,500	9,000	7,700	
	Jun	17,900	2,900	15,100	9,100	7,500	8,800	7,600	Women
	May	17,600	2,800	14,900	9,000	7,400	8,700	7,500	15+ 3.4%
	Apr	17,500	2,800	14,700	8,800	7,300	8,700	7,400	25+ 5.4%

Employed

		By age			By sex & age			
					Men		Women	
		15+	15–24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
2009	Apr	16,300	2,000	14,300	7,700	6,800	8,600	7,500
	Mar	16,300	2,000	14,300	7,800	6,900	8,400	7,400
	Feb	16,200	2,100	14,100	7,900	6,800	8,300	7,300
	Jan	16,300	2,300	14,000	8,100	6,800	8,200	7,200
2008	Dec	16,900	2,500	14,400	8,400	7,000	8,600	7,400
	Nov	17,400	2,600	14,800	8,600	7,200	8,800	7,600
	Oct	17,500	2,700	14,800	8,800	7,400	8,700	7,400
	Sep	17,500	2,800	14,700	8,900	7,400	8,600	7,300
	Aug	17,700	2,900	14,800	8,900	7,300	8,800	7,500
	Jul	17,500	2,800	14,800	8,800	7,200	8,700	7,600
	Jun	17,100	2,500	14,600	8,400	7,100	8,600	7,500
	May	16,900	2,400	14,500	8,400	7,000	8,500	7,400
	Apr	16,700	2,400	14,400	8,200	7,000	8,500	7,400

% Change Apr. 2008 to Apr. 2009	
Both	
15+	-2.4%
15-24	-16.7%
25+	-0.7%
Men	
15+	-6.1%
25+	-2.9%
Women	
15+	1.2%
25+	1.4%

Participation Rate

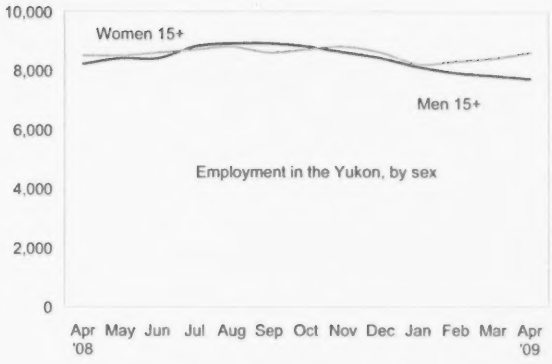
Change (% points) Apr. 2008 to Apr. 2009	
Both	
15+	-0.8
15-24	-11.6
25+	1.2
Men	
15+	-2.7
25+	0.8
Women	
15+	0.7
25+	1.7

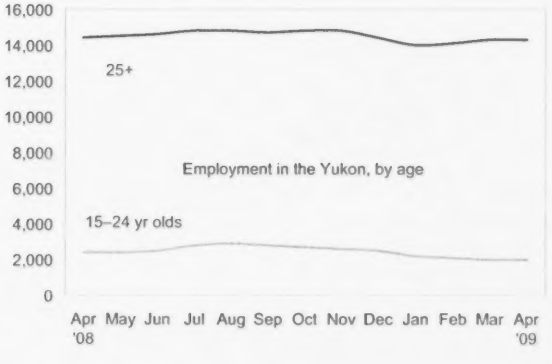
		By age			By sex & age			
					Men		Women	
		15+	15–24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
		----------%			----------%			
2009	Apr	73.4	53.5	77.8	71.9	77.6	74.4	78.0
	Mar	72.6	55.8	76.3	72.5	75.5	72.7	77.0
	Feb	72.2	58.1	75.6	73.3	76.3	71.7	75.0
	Jan	72.9	58.1	76.1	74.2	76.3	71.7	75.0
2008	Dec	75.3	62.8	78.1	76.7	79.4	73.3	77.8
	Nov	76.6	62.8	79.6	78.2	79.4	75.6	78.8
	Oct	77.3	69.8	79.0	79.0	80.2	75.6	77.8
	Sep	76.9	72.1	77.9	79.0	79.2	74.8	76.8
	Aug	78.2	76.7	78.5	79.8	79.2	76.5	78.6
	Jul	77.6	72.1	78.4	79.0	78.1	75.6	78.6
	Jun	75.5	67.4	78.2	77.1	78.9	74.6	77.6
	May	74.6	65.1	77.2	76.3	77.9	73.7	76.5
	Apr	74.2	65.1	76.6	74.6	76.8	73.7	76.3

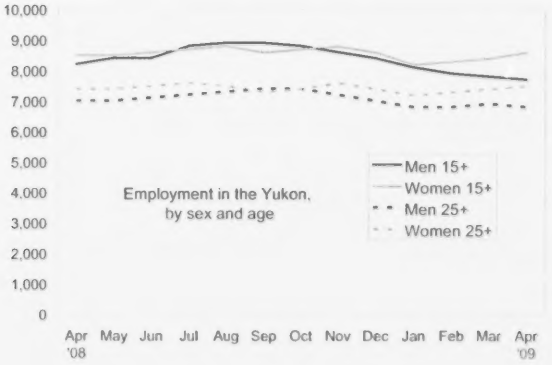
Employment Rate

		By age			By sex & age			
					Men		Women	
		15+	15–24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
		----------%			----------%			
2009	Apr	67.6	46.5	72.2	63.6	69.4	71.1	75.0
	Mar	67.6	46.5	72.2	65.0	70.4	69.4	74.0
	Feb	67.2	48.8	71.6	65.8	70.1	69.2	73.0
	Jan	67.9	53.5	71.1	67.5	70.1	68.3	72.0
2008	Dec	70.7	58.1	73.5	70.0	72.2	71.7	74.7
	Nov	72.8	60.5	75.5	72.3	74.2	73.9	76.8
	Oct	73.5	62.8	75.9	73.9	77.1	73.1	74.7
	Sep	73.5	65.1	75.4	74.8	77.1	72.3	73.7
	Aug	74.4	67.4	75.9	74.8	76.0	73.9	76.5
	Jul	73.8	65.1	76.3	73.9	75.0	73.1	77.6
	Jun	72.2	58.1	75.6	71.2	74.7	72.9	76.5
	May	71.6	55.8	75.1	71.2	73.7	72.0	75.5
	Apr	70.8	55.8	75.0	69.5	73.7	72.0	76.3

Change (% points) Apr. 2008 to Apr. 2009	
Both	
15+	-3.2
15-24	-9.3
25+	-2.8
Men	
15+	-5.9
25+	-4.3
Women	
15+	-0.9
25+	-1.3







Where the numbers come from

Every month Statistics Canada surveyors in each province and territory of Canada interview a representative sample of individuals 15 years of age and older. The surveyors ask these individuals if they were working, or were looking and available for work, during the "reference week" (usually the 3rd week of the month). Individuals are counted as employed if:

- *they worked for at least 1 hour during the reference week ("work" includes self-employment).*

Individuals are counted as unemployed if:

- *they were without work but had looked for work in the past 4 weeks;*
- *they had been laid off but were not looking for work because they expected to return to their original work;*
- *they were not looking for work because they had a new job starting within 4 weeks.*

If someone is neither employed nor unemployed they are then defined as not in the labour force and therefore not counted in the unemployment rate. However, they are still considered to be part of the working-age population.

The survey described above is called the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The Yukon has been included in the LFS since January 1992. However, the national rates for Canada do not include any of the territories.

The objectives of the LFS are to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications – employed, unemployed and not in the labour force – and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories.

The LFS is the only source of monthly estimates of total employment including the self-employed, full- and part-time employment, and unemployment. It publishes monthly standard labour market indicators such as the unemployment rate, the employment rate and the participation rate.

In the Yukon, the LFS sample is designed to represent approximately 92% of the working-age population (Yukoners 15 years of age and older). Yukoners living in unorganized areas, full-time members of the armed forces and people living in institutions are not represented in the sample.

As a "household-based" survey, the LFS counts individuals as part of the labour force in the province or territory their home is in. Therefore, if an individual is working outside of the Yukon, in the NWT for instance, but still has their home in the Yukon, they are counted in the Yukon's labour force.

***Suppression of Data**. For the Labour Force Survey in the Yukon, Statistics Canada suppresses any figure that is below 200 for confidentiality reasons, in order to ensure the confidentiality of each individual respondent to the survey. In turn, percentages (i.e. employment or unemployment rates) based on suppressed numbers will also be suppressed.*

Definitions:

1. **Employment**
   Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, did any work for pay or profit, or had a job and were absent from work.

2. **Employment rate**
   Also referred to as "employment/population ratio," it is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The employment rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

3. **Goods-Producing Industries**
   Goods-Producing Industries (or goods sector, or goods industries): includes agriculture, other primary industries (forestry; fishing and trapping; mines, quarries and oil wells), manufacturing, construction and utilities (electric power, gas and water).

4. **Labour force**
   The labour force is the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the survey reference week, were employed or unemployed.

5. **Not in the labour force**
   Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the reference week, were unwilling or unable to offer or supply labour services under conditions existing in their labour markets; that is, they were neither employed nor unemployed.

6. **Participation rate**
   The participation rate is the total labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The participation rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

7. **Reference Week**
   The reference week is the entire calendar week (from Sunday to Saturday) covered by the Labour Force Survey each month. It is usually the week containing the 15th day of the month. The interviews are conducted during the following week, called the Survey Week, and the labour force status determined is that of the reference week.

8. **Seasonal adjustment**
   Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those that are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

9. **Self-employed**
   There are two broad categories of workers: those who work for others and those who work for themselves, namely, the self-employed. The self-employed includes working owners of incorporated businesses, working owners of unincorporated businesses and other self-employed.

10. **Service-Producing Industries**
    Service-Producing Industries (or service sector, or service industries): includes trade; transportation and warehousing; finance, insurance, real estate and leasing; professional, scientific and technical services; management, administrative and other support; educational services; health care and social assistance; information, culture and recreation; accommodation and food services; other services; and public administration.

11. **Three-Month Moving Average**
    All monthly figures for the Territories, whether seasonally adjusted or unadjusted, are three-month moving averages – for example, the March 2008 unemployment rate of 4.5% is actually an average of the unemployment rates for the months of January, February and March. April's unemployment rate will become the average of the rates for February, March and April.

12. **Unemployment**
    Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, were available for work and were either on temporary layoff, had looked for work in the past four weeks, or had a job to start within the next four weeks.

13. **Unemployment rate**
    The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

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